

**Mineral County Conservation District- July 6, 2022 at 1pm
Alternate Meeting Location – Virtual/Phone
Minutes**

Mineral County Conservation District Attendees: Jim Lommen, Chair; Joe Spangler Supervisor; Joe Hughes, Supervisor; Tom Castles, Supervisor; Layne Hansen, Supervisor; Cathy Tsukimura, Supervisor; John Bowe, NRCS

Additional Attendees: Mateu Hunter, Landowner; Curtis Tolsma, Landowner; Kristi Tolsma, landowner-virtual, Josh and Melissa Nunn, Landowner-Virtual.

Absent:

Laurie Johnston, Mineral County Commissioner; Charlee Thompson, Supervisor; Andy Short, County Planner; Ladd Knotek, FWP;

Call to Order: 1:01pm By Jim Lommen

Minutes

June 21st, 2022 minutes as presented. A motion was made by Joe S. to approve the minutes with no changes. Seconded by Tom C. All in favor. **Motion Passes 6-0.**

Public Comment - None

Administrative- Office hours have slowed down, may be a good time to send out a brochure/letter to new and existing residents along the Clark Fork River. Discussion by Supervisors to target high violation areas and newly sold properties. Motion to send out flyers and finance through budgeted postage. **Motion by Joe H. seconded by Joe S. Motion passes 6-0**

310 Permit

54-17-2022V- Montana Rail Link- Clark Fork Remediation- Final Site inspection June 21, 2021- **Discussion- MRL provided a reasonable date of a few months to lower the berm that was on the remediation application. Supervisors Tabled and moved to follow-up.**

54-22-2022- Meghan Wirth/ New Fields- Clark Fork- **Irrigation Lower Meadows Subdivision, Discussion- Project did not qualify for floodplain permit and Army Corps of engineers do not have a time frame for their decision. Supervisors -Tabled**

54-23-2022- Mateu Hunter- Clark Fork- New Application on existing trail- Site inspection June 21, 2022- **Discussion- Joe H. question “Is this a public use trail”, answered by landowner “YES” the existing trail is for public use. Board advised landowner to contact FWP for property boundary questions. Supervisors decided to table for next meeting.**

54-24-2022V- Josh and Melisa Nunn-Clark Fork- **Violation, Discussion- Supervisors dismissed the violation and advised landowner of no further activity. If they do any work on the stream bank an application for the 310 is required.**

54-16-2021- Meenach, Phil - Remove large cottonwood trees on shoreline that have sections that are dead. Clark Fork River. GeoCode: 2744-19-3-03-06-0000 **Followup July 2022.** Site visit by Layne and Cathy, Discussion- Supervisors did not see an immediate hazard as stated by landowner. Jim

recommended to complete the requirements/modifications of the current 310 permit- 54-16-2021. Joe H. recommended for landowner to apply for a new 310 permit and to have an arborist assess the tree health involved in the future application, as a third party. **Motion made by Joe H. and seconded Tom C. motion passes 6-0**

54-25-2022V- Curtis Tolsma and Kristi Washburn-Clark Fork River- Violation, **Discussion- Violation dismissed- with recommendation that no new construction to be done without a 310 permit. Trail down to the shed needs to be revegetated and no new removal of vegetation is to happen on the trail. Follow-up will be in writing with recommendations included.**

Business of the Board

Financial Report- Money from County Taxes deposited to the Checking account. Request by Joe H. for Charlee to explain at the next meeting the fixed assets and report options.

Reports

- a. Andy Short, County Planner- **Not Present**
- b. Ladd Knotek, Fish Wildlife and Parks- **Not Present**
- c. John Bowe, NRCS Field Rep-**Present-** Report Read by Administrator- 6 new EQIP contracts obligated at Packer Creek, Thinning has started on one of the new contracts, Main effort on another is scheduled to begin in Early August, in August NRCS would like to schedule a field tour with the CD to be discussed at the August meeting.
- d. Laurie Johnston, County Commissioner-**Not Present**

310 Follow-Ups

1. 54-8-2020: Andrew Short- Clark Fork River- Bank Rehab and provide pedestrian access to the river. Geocode: 54-2631-35-22-03-26-0000- **Extended 2023 Follow-up when completed**
2. 54-7-2021: WGM Group / Steven Delisle – Clark Fork River – Installation of Private River Access Facility.- Geocode: 54-2322-06-3-03-02-0000 **Extended 2023**
3. 54-11-2021: Wheeler, Yvonne – Nemote Creek – Prevent blowout of soils and shifting culvert bridge. Geocode: 54-2423-23-4-01-02-0000. **Extended 2023**
4. 54-16-2021: Meenach, Phil - Remove large cottonwood trees on shoreline that have sections that are dead. Clark Fork River. GeoCode: 2744-19-3-03-06-0000 **Followup July 2022.**
5. 54-6-2022: Yvonne Wheeler- Nemote Creek- Reduce the beaver pond depth upstream of the dam by 10-12 inches because the water is inundating a well and raising water levels to within several inches of an electrical box. Geocode: 54-2423-22-4-01-01-0000 **Followup in October 2022**
6. Arrow Construction: Steve & Julie Prater- Ready Rock retaining wall, Superior Geocode: 54-2631-27-4-01-01-0000 **Current**
7. 54-17-2022 Montana Rail Link- Remediation-: **Photos submitted, Supervisors to verify for follow-up and closeout.**
8. 54-15-2022 Jason Nordberg- **Current; Follow-up with photos when completed additional amendment**

ADJOURN

Motion by Layne H., second by Tom C. @ 2:43pm, Motion Passes 6-0